

## **Acadia Parish Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting September 30, 2004 at 5:30 PM**

Meeting called to order by Mary Gentry. In attendance:

*Teasie Cary – Church Point City Council*

*Kirk Cormier - Egan Water Corp.*

*Kathy Cormier – Egan Water Corp.*

*Steven Thibodeaux – S. Rayne Water Corp.*

*Greg Arabie - LRWA*

*Ken Terry - LRWA*

*Bill Chaumont - LRWA*

*Mike Judice – City of Rayne Water*

*Nick Simoneaux – S. Rayne Water Corp.*

*Jeff Boullion – S. Rayne Water Corp.*

*Margaret Frey – LSU Cooperative Extension*

*Dave Thomas – Calpine*

*Mike Pastor - Crowley*

*Mary Gentry - LDEQ*

*Tiffani M. Cravens - LDEQ*

The group took a tour of the Calpine Facility, including the large pond used to reclaim water and reduce usage of the Chicot aquifer. The tour concluded with sandwiches and refreshments provided by Calpine. The group expressed sincere appreciation to Dave Thomas for providing the tour and the meal.

The meeting was directed by Nick Simoneaux, Chairman

Minutes from prior meeting accepted.

### **Visits to Significant Potential Sources of Contamination (SPSOC)**

The Church Pint visits are now complete. A few SPSOCs are no longer there and need to be deleted from the inventory. All community SPSOC visits are complete except for Crowley.

### **Ground Water Protection Ordinance**

The ordinance has been adopted in the Town of Church Point and the City of Rayne. Nick Simoneaux and Margaret Frey presented it for consideration at the Acadia Parish Police Jury meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Tiffani Cravens of DEQ and Bill Chaumont of LRWA were also present at the meeting.

### **Public Education and Special Topics of Interest**

Chairman Nick Simoneaux suggested that the media should be used to further public education. The committee agreed and Margaret Frey was elected as the Media Chairwoman. Greg Arabie will be her assistant. Margaret appeared on the Passe Partout morning news show in Lafayette on September 16<sup>th</sup> and talked about the drinking water protection program in Acadia parish.

The committee decided that the three most important topics of interest are:

- Abandoned Wells, especially domestic wells
- Used Oil Recycling
- Home Sewer Plants/Septic Systems

As mentioned in the previous meeting, construction, and plugging water wells are regulated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Their regulations state that private (domestic) wells can be plugged by the homeowner. DEQ will work on getting some information together on how this should be done and possibly get someone to speak at an upcoming meeting.

The committee will work on assembling a list of used oil recyclers in the parish. The following people will research the major areas in the parish and bring this information to the next meeting:

- T.C. Carey and Slu Comeaux – Church Point
- Greg Arabie – Rayne
- Kirk and Kathy Cormier – Egan, Iota, Estherwood
- Mike Pastor - Crowley

Margaret Frey from the LSU Cooperative Extension Service will work on putting some information together on home sewer systems and septic tanks. She has a lot of information that could be combined into a good educational fact sheet or brochure.

Mr. Simoneaux suggested the committee think about how this material will be distributed. It will be an item for discussion on the next agenda.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting was set for **Thursday October 28th at 6:30 at the Cooperative Extension Office in Crowley**. Mr. Greg Arabie of LRWA graciously offered to provide a meal.

Adjourn.